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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Sir:

In order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. The references are cited in the enclosed Office Action dated February 10, 2006 from the State Intellectual Property Office of China.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of January 13, 2006 of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are required.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Documents A1 and A3 were first cited, to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned, in the February 10, 2006 Chinese Office Action not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The relevance of documents A1 and A3 is indicated in the Chinese Office Action. Document A2 is an English-language patent application that corresponds to Document A3 and, according to MPEP Section 609.04(b)(III)(V), will be construed as being cited by the State Intellectual Property Office of China for purposes of the previous statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1). A copy of the Chinese Office Action, an English-language translation of the Chinese Office Action, and copies of Documents A1, A2 and A3 are also submitted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references and return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO/SB/08A form.

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